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Book Award

For the best book published in 1980, written by an American author on the subject of the American intelligence service, an award is presented herewith to Cord Meyer for his memoir, Facing Reality: From World Federalism to the CIA (Harper and Row).

The major part of this volume embraces the more than a quarter century during which Mr. Meyer served in successive senior positions in the Central Intelligence Agency. In particular, he describes his many years of work in creating and leading the Agency's covert actions programs designed to win the minds of peoples abroad and preserve their freedom from Soviet domination.

The author's excellent prose style is highlighted by his ability to portray the important operations he headed without continually intruding his own part into the reader's perception. Mr. Meyer's discussion of the roles of intelligence in the context of the times and world events in which they were performed does great service in making Facing Reality a memorable contribution to the literature of intelligence.

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